

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant once again wishes to thank the Examiner for examining the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-11, and 13 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended. Support for amended claims 1,2 and 4 can be found in claims 1,2, and 4. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 1,2,4 are objected to because Moylbdenum should be Molybdenum and Potassium should be Potassium. The amended claims 1,2, and 4 have now reflected the changes.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims rejection – 35 USC § 103 (“Boulos, Gavish and Tedeschi”)

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Boulos et al. (US Pat. 6,904,073) in view of Tedeschi et al. (Acad.Sci. 2002 Vol. 973,pp. 435-437) and Gavish et al. (Lipoprotein (a) reduction by N-acetylcysteine, Lancet 1991, Vol 337, pp.204.)

Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing that Boulos et al disclosed molybdenum and potassium. Therefore, claims 1,2, and 4 have been amended by removing molybdenum and potassium.

In lieu of the amended claims, applicant believes that not all the claim limitations are taught by the prior art and therefore the claims would not have been *prima facie* obvious to a skilled artisan.

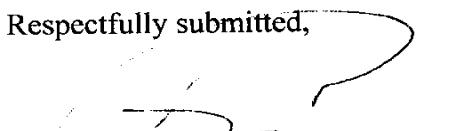
Accordingly, applicant believes the claims are now in a state for issuance.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all the rejections have been overcome and all the pending claims are allowable. Accordingly, withdraw of the rejection and allowance of the present application is warranted. If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (650) 941-1196.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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